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STAT 1. (Internal Use Only - JSW) The Director and Mr. Warner met with Speaker McCormack and Representative Carl Albert, Majority Leader, to discuss the early retirement legislation. See Memorandum for the Record.

3. (Unclassified - JSW) Talked with Robert Smart, House Armed Services Committee staff, and he advised the Chairman is introducing our bill today. He was anticipating that possibly we would hold hearings on our bill next Tuesday when the full Committee normally meets. I assured him again that we had gotten appropriate informal clearances from Post Office and Civil Service and Foreign Affairs Committees. Smart stated he still plans to recommend to Vinson that the hearings be before the full Committee rather than the CIA Subcommittee. He will advise later as to the hearing date.

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4. (Unclassified - JSW) Delivered to Charles Johnson, staff director of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the letter to Mr. Murray from Mr. McCone and explained to Johnson that Mr. Vinson was very sympathetic to the Agency and was going to push hard for actual passage this session. Johnson assured me that the letter would please Mr. Murray and that there would be no jurisdictional question. Further, he added that if Mr. Vinson is supporting this legislation, this would be sufficient for Mr. Murray also to support it.

5. (Unclassified - JSW) Talked with William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who still indicates there are difficult problems on the Senate side about our bill. On the other hand, he still has not discussed the bill or any tactics with Senator Russell. However, he stated he planned to do so as soon as possible. As to checking with Post Office and Civil Service and Foreign Relations, he himself thought this was not necessary but indicated this might well be a point the Director could raise with Senator Russell. He suggested that efforts to set up a meeting with the DCI and Russell for Monday be handled through the Senator's office and this is being worked on.

6. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Upon learning from the Director's office that Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr., had attempted to call the Director, I telephoned Rodino asking if I could be of assistance. He stated he had wished to talk personally with the Director but would be glad to discuss the matter with me. He states that he knows very well

STAT [redacted]
STAT [redacted] had called him
STAT asking that Rodino, with his good office, arrange an appointment with
STAT Mr. McCone. Rodino said [redacted] would talk only with Mr. McCone
STAT in the Agency stating that he had "a big fish" which he wished to discuss.
STAT Rodino assured me [redacted] was a sound citizen with a wealth of
STAT experience including service in OSS and in counter-intelligence work.
STAT Rodino said he was leaving the country tonight for Geneva and requested
STAT that I please notify Mr. Sullivan in his office of the results. He added
STAT that [redacted] would be glad to come to Washington at any time at the
Director's convenience. Rodino was very insistent that he thought this
was something Mr. McCone should do.

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7. (Unclassified - GLC) Mrs. Seeley, in the office of Representative Robert H. Barry (R., N. Y.), called to say that [redacted] would like to talk with one of our "Latin American experts." It developed that [redacted] (who allegedly has been given permission by State Department to travel to Cuba) has information concerning an independent air strike against Cuba by another Latin American country. This strike is supposed to occur on Saturday, 18 August. After discussing this matter with [redacted] I advised Mrs. Seeley that if [redacted] wished to discuss American policy or our position regarding Latin America he should talk with officials of the State Department. However, if he had information which he wished to pass on to us we would be glad to arrange an interview for him with appropriate people. I emphasized, however, that the interviewer would not be a "Latin American expert." With this understanding, arrangements were made for [redacted] to see [redacted] at 2:30 tomorrow.

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